PROJECT STATUS REPORT

AEFLAG - PP

1. CRYPTONYM (Ex- AECOB PP)		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH	3. COUNTRY			4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED	
a. Program	b. Project		Target	Base		a. Program	b. Project
AEFLAG (Ex-	AECOB)PP	SR/2	Latvia	U.S.			

5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER	ROOM NO. 3582	EXTENSION	SIG	

6.   OF PROJECT ☐ FI   ☐ PP   ☐ PM   ☐ SUPPORT

7. STATUS ☐ OPERATIONAL   ☐ LIQUIDATING

8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED	O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE	10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE
U.S.				
FOREIGN NAT'L				
TOTAL			$	$

11. Summary

a. **Mission**

To deceive and confuse the Soviet regime in the Latvian SSR; To maintain the morale and devotion to the West of the Latvian people.

b. **Plan**

Utilization of radio, newspapers, postal facilities, and extraordinary channels such as balloons to communicate with the population of the Latvian SSR in the attainment of the mission.

c. **Summary of Activities**

SR/2, in consultation with IO/1, has undertaken initial steps to discourage the Latvian Committee of the NCFE from the further employment of Dr. Vilis Masens who currently is the chairman of that committee and, in addition, an employee of VOA. Because his political intrigues and conflict with SR/2 interests, the Branch feels that it would be much to its advantage to have Dr. Masens restrict his future activity to VOA exclusively. He is shortly moving to Washington with the rest of the VOA complex, and it was felt that the moment is most propitious to separate him from the NCFE which, of course, remains in New York. To replace Dr. Masens, the Branch has proposed the name of Mr. Alfreds Berzins, currently a member of the committee and an individual who would be more cooperative and whose name would mean a great deal more in the target area. The Branch is also prepared to recommend other individuals for the vacancy which would thus be created within the Latvian committee if Dr. Masens should withdraw and Mr. Berzins move up to replace him as chairman.

d. **Effectiveness of the project.** Nothing to report.

e. **Methods and standards evolved.** Nothing to report.

f. **Assessment of Operational security factors.** Nothing to report.

g. **PP assets acquired, modified, or lost.** Nothing to report.

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